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Iowa Finance Authority Awards more than \$900,000 in Grants for Homelessness Services in Iowa

Seventy-nine Iowa counties to benefit from homeless services assistance

DES MOINES – The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors recently awarded \$900,937 in grants to twenty-one organizations to assist homeless and domestic violence shelters with costs associated with providing essential services and emergency shelter operations. The funding is made available through the Shelter Assistance Fund program.

“The grants announced today will have a direct impact on thousands of Iowans in need of assistance and provide many positive ripple effects to communities all throughout Iowa,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. “The Iowa Finance Authority is proud to partner with these organizations to support their vital work in serving some of Iowa’s most vulnerable citizens in 79 Iowa counties.”

Shelter Assistance Fund applications are accepted on an annual basis and are judged through a competitive process. The Iowa Finance Authority received 23 eligible applications for the 2015 round requesting more than \$1 million in funding. The program is funded with proceeds from the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

A panel of judges scored the applications based on criteria in several categories, including: project design, experience and capacity, community partnerships, performance, budget and grants management and competition priorities.

The Iowa Council on Homelessness reports that 22,195 Iowans experienced homelessness or were at-risk of homelessness in 2014 and a total of 18,141 were served by a shelter.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority's role has grown to include nearly 40 affordable housing and water quality programs.

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Projects awarded Shelter Assistance Funds awards: (Listed by home location)

Boone

Crawford Hall Family Shelter, Inc.

Award: \$42,373

Contact: Julie Nash: 515-295-1511

Cedar Rapids

Foundation 2, Inc.

Award: \$50,000*

Contact: Emily Blomme, 319-362-1170

**Conditional award*

Clinton

Pathway Living Center, Inc.

Award: \$48,500

Contact: Melissa Peterson, 563-242-3687

Council Bluffs

New Visions Homeless Services

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Rev. Harry Waller, 712-256-3940

Davenport

The Salvation Army of the Quad Cities

Award: \$48,500

Contact: Major Gary Felton: 563-324-4808

Des Moines

Beacon of Life

Award: \$34,800

Contact: Keshia Meissner, 515-244-4713

Catholic Council for Social Concern (Catholic Charities)

Award: \$48,500

Contact: Nancy Galeazzi, 515-244-3761

Children & Families of Iowa

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Janice Lane, 515-288-1981

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines

Award: \$19,400

Contact: Jim Cain, 515-277-7051

Youth Emergency Shelter & Services

Award: \$37,381

Contact: Stephen Quirk, 515-243-7825

Dubuque

Opening Doors

Award: \$47,500

Contact: Michelle Brown, 563-582-7480

Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA
Award: \$50,000
Contact: Sr. Charla Bulko, 563-588-0048

Fort Dodge Housing Agency
Award: \$39,380
Contact: Barbara Michaels, 515-573-7751

Mason City

Community Kitchen of North Iowa
Award: \$39,498
Contact: Amanda Ragan, 641-424-2316

Francis Lauer Youth Services, Inc.
Award: \$48,015
Contact: Jean McAleer: 641-423-7362

Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless
Award: \$47,150
Contact: Jeannie Kingery, 641-380-0047

Muscatine

Muscatine Center for Social Action
Award: \$47,500
Contact: Maggie Curry, 563-264-3278

Sioux City

Community Action Agency of Siouxland
Award: \$42,439
Contact: Jean Logan, 712-274-1610

Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
Award: \$48,500
Contact: Margaret Sanders, 712-277-0131

Waterloo

Community Housing Initiatives
Award: \$19,000
Contact: Mariliegh Fisher, 319-235-3000

The Salvation Army Waterloo/Cedar Falls
Award: \$47,500
Contact: Maj. Harold Poff, 319-235-9358

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